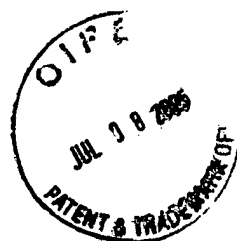


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Doak et al.
Serial No.: 09/516,257
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Group Art Unit: 2877
For: Multi-Grade Object Sorting System And Method
Attorney's Docket No. N4699
Customer No. 23456

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following is submitted in response to the Office Action of May 4, 2005. The initial time for response to this Office Action expired on June 4, 2005. A one-month retroactive extension of time is being requested below which would extend the time for response to July 4, 2005, which is a holiday. This response is being filed on July 5, 2005 and thus it is believed that only a single month's extension of time fee is due.

Retroactive Request for Extension of Time

Applicant requests a retroactive one-month extension of time to and including July 5, 2005 within which to respond to the Office Action. Applicant's check in the amount of \$60.00 is enclosed. In the event any additional fees are due in connection with this response, the same may be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0035.

The following includes an amendment to the specification to add an additional claim to priority with a co-pending application, and includes a response to the restriction requirement set forth in the May 4, 2005 Office Action.